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d. Brief description of project

This program focused on surface and interface properties of high temperature superconductors. Its goal was to develop an understanding of surface degradation and passivation when overlayers or contacts were formed. Such studies are directly related to "weak links" and device structures. The program was initiated 9/1/88 with a 28-month commitment of \$250K.

e. Significant results of the project

Throughout this program, we sought fundamental insight into evolving interfaces based on the high temperature superconductors. At various times, we examined each of the FiTS materials (LSCO, YBCO, BSCCO, TBCCO, BaKBiO) using photoemission and inverse photoemission, first to determine the clean surface electronic structure and then to determine the changes induced by the condensation of metallic, semiconducting, and gas phase species. That work lead to approximately 40 refereed publications, 4 book chapters, 15 invited papers, and 1 patent. We were particularly pleased with the response of the community and the recognition of our contributions.

Our studies showed that overlayer species could be distinguished according to whether they were more reactive with oxygen or less reactive with oxygen than the Cu-O planes and chains of the superconductors. This thermodynamic distinction made it possible to determine which overlayers will induce surface disruption characterized by oxygen withdrawal, a change in the crystal structure of the HTS surface, and the conversion from metallic to insulating character. Our work provided insight into overall stabilities and degrees of stability for the different HTS materials and the overlayers.

Our studies demonstrated the feasibility of forming passivating layers on the HTS surface. This work ultimately led to a patent for CaF₂ passivation and a claim for rights for a process developed that shows that oxides can be formed by deposition in an activated oxygen environment.

In other studies, we explored the surface structure of cleaved BSCCO using photoemission with ~10 μm spatial resolution. The photoelectron microscope images revealed the laminated structure of the surface in which thin sheets of single crystals with a typical dimension of 1×1 mm² had highly stepped borders. PEM spectra obtained as a function of distance across these complex structures demonstrated inhomogeneous bonding configurations with Bi atoms that are highly oxidized at the edge of each crystal.

During the concluding part of the program, we examined growth of overlayers on HTS surfaces using our cluster-assembly technique. The idea was to bring preformed metallic or semiconducting clusters into contact with the clean HTS surface under ultrahigh vacuum conditions. The results showed minimal chemical intermixing and surface damage. Also during this period, we examined overlayer growth at low temperature. In this case, the idea was to form an overlayer at 20 K so that kinetic constraints on oxygen diffusion from the HTS would be severe. These studies were also successfully completed, and the results showed that a much less damaged surface would be prepared in this fashion.

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